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EXPANSION OF BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposals for the expansion of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be drawn up; and

(d) the investments proposed to be made therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Sir, BSNL has been expanding its Telecom Network at regular intervals. BSNL plan for expansion of its telecom network for next 2-3 years is as follows.

1. Expansion of GSM mobile network by 63.5 million lines.

2. Expansion of WLL network by 25.2 lakh lines.
3. Expansion of Broadband Network by 6 million lines.

4. Commissioning of Satellite Equipment for provisioning of 14,183 VPTs on Satellite in remote and far-flung villages.

During the current financial year expansion plan is detailed below;

S.No.	Item	Target for 2006-07
1	Addition in telephone customer base (in lakh lines)	100
2	Net addition to Internet Customer Base(in lakhs)	8
3	Addition to Broadband Customer Base(in lakhs)	6
4	Net addition of Optical Fibre (OF) cables(in Route KMs)	24,000
5	Net addition in Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX) capacity (in Kilo Circuits)	1,200
6	Village Public Telephones (VPTs) (in Nos.)	20,000

(c) The proposal is already drawn up and tenders for procurement of material have been opened and are in different stages of finalization.

(d) Investment during 2006-07 and 2007-08 is expected to be Rs. 9,200 cores and 13,000 crores respectively.